



Dredging for Environmental Remediation

Where's the leading edge?

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**New Bedford
Harbor**

**Pre-design
Field Test**

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New Bedford Harbor Pre-design Field Test



- ① *Solicited by the New England District US Army Corps of Engineers under Total Environmental Remediation Contract (TERC) Task Order No. 0017 – New Bedford Superfund Site*
- ② *Contracted to Foster Wheeler Environmental (FWENC)*



Dredge Technology Selection

- ① *FWENC screened over sixty (60+) dredge technologies around the globe*
- ① *Bean Environmental LLC “short-listed” as one of three potential demonstration candidates.*

Bean Environmental LLC

① *C F Bean LLC*



- Over 58 years of experience
- Leading the US dredging industry in innovation and technology development
- Leading sediment remediation company
- Headquarters in New Orleans, La.

② *Royal Boskalis Westminster*



- Over 100 years of experience
- Largest dredging contractor in the world with over 3100 employees
- Leading worldwide innovation in remediation technology



Finding solutions *first*.

■ 1953

First to mount a dragline directly onto a barge.

■ 1970

First to use dredging technology for beach nourishment.

■ 1992

First in the U.S. to design and build a dredge specifically for beach and wetland restoration.

■ 1984

First to fully automate the production functions of a large cutter-suction dredge in U.S.

● 1972

First to use underwater pump technology in a cutter-suction dredge in the U.S.

■ 1993

Awarded patent for Slurry Processing Unit and pioneered high accuracy dredging techniques.

Bean Environmental LLC

Services provided

- ① *Engineering and Design*
- ① *Excavation*
- ① *Transportation*
- ① *Volume reduction, Dewatering & Soil Washing*

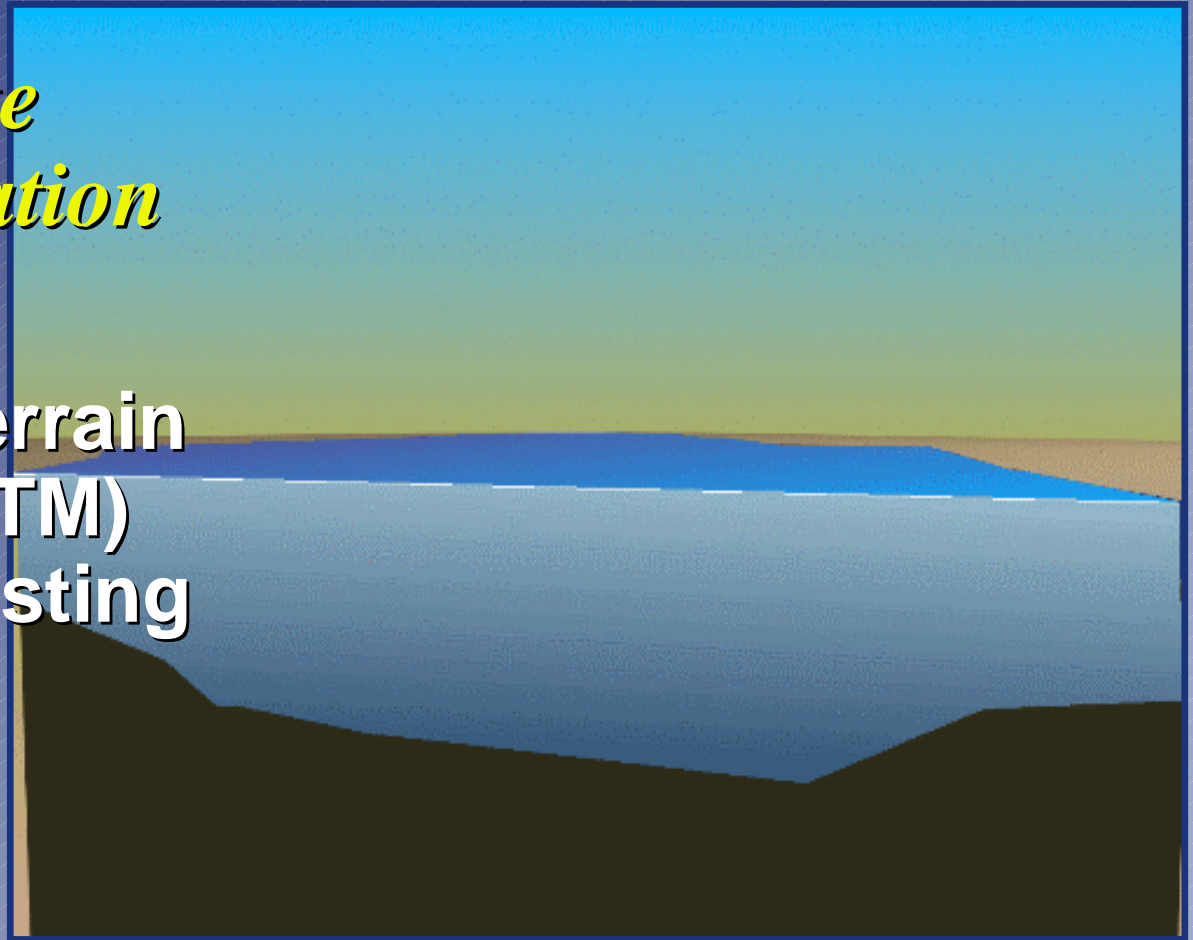


Dredge Performance Tests

- ① *Sediment removal accuracy*
- ① *Transportation and disposal efficiency*
- ① *PCB removal effectiveness (secondary)*
- ① *Air & Water quality impacts by the dredging operation*
- ① *Production*

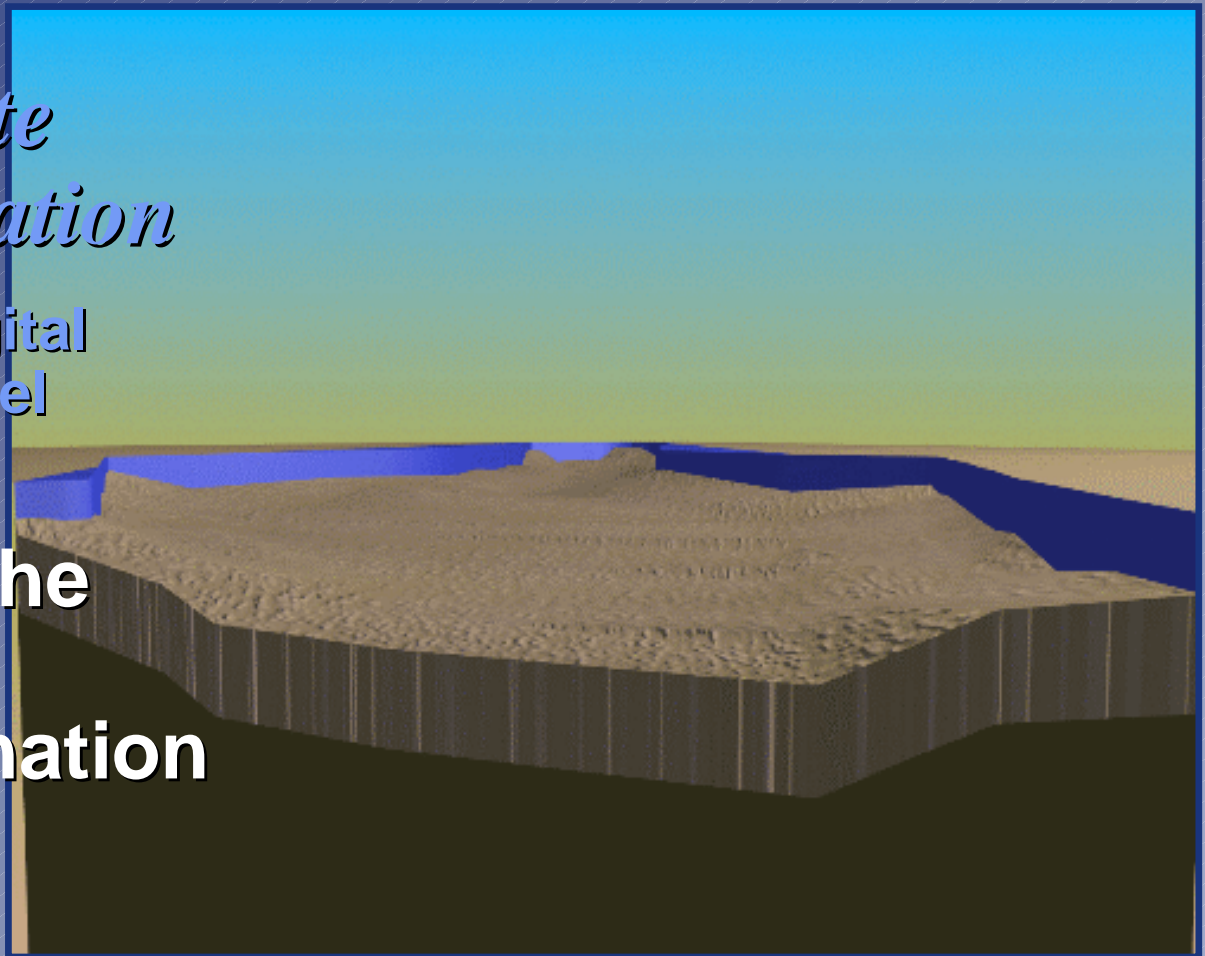
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 - Detailed Digital Terrain Model (DTM) of the existing bottom



Sediment removal accuracy

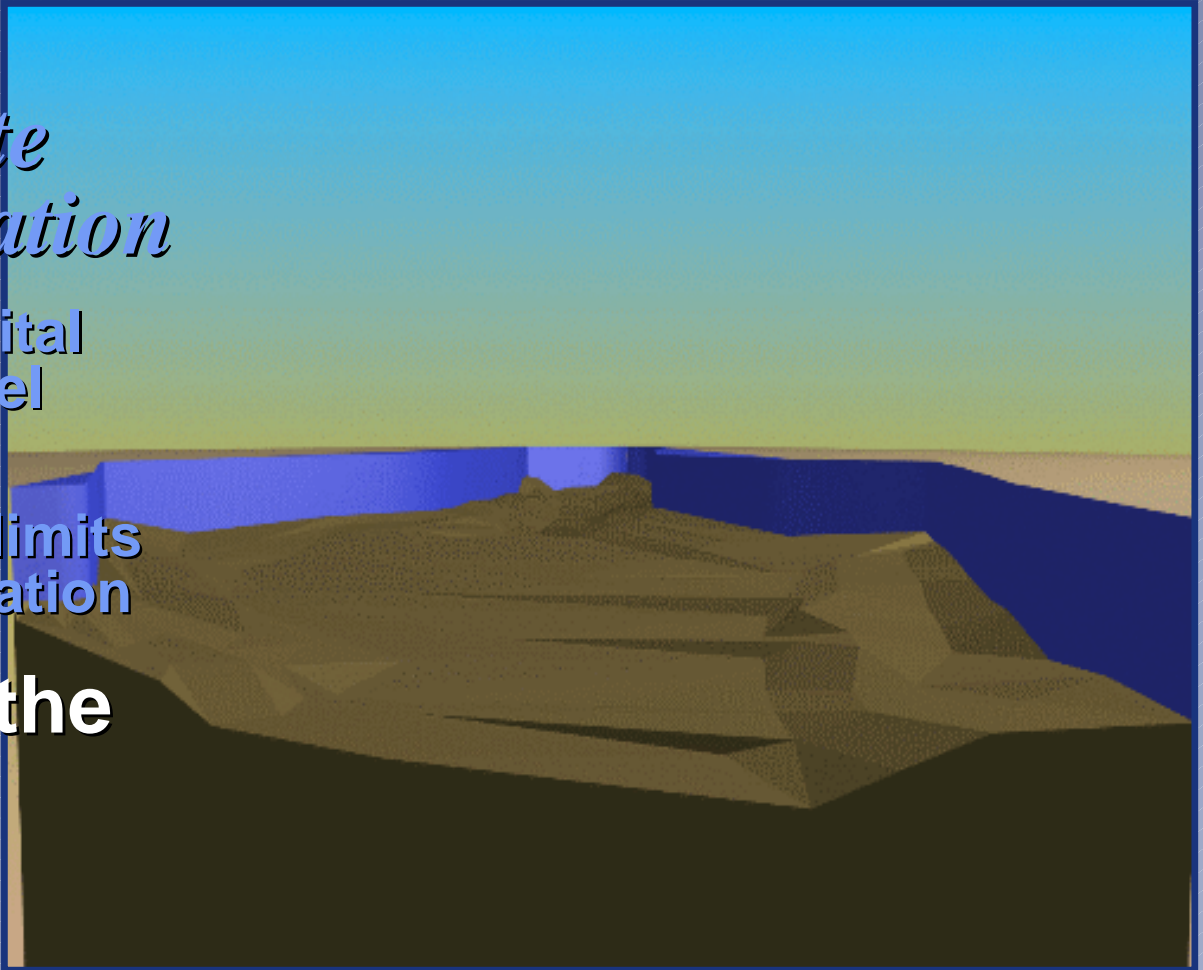
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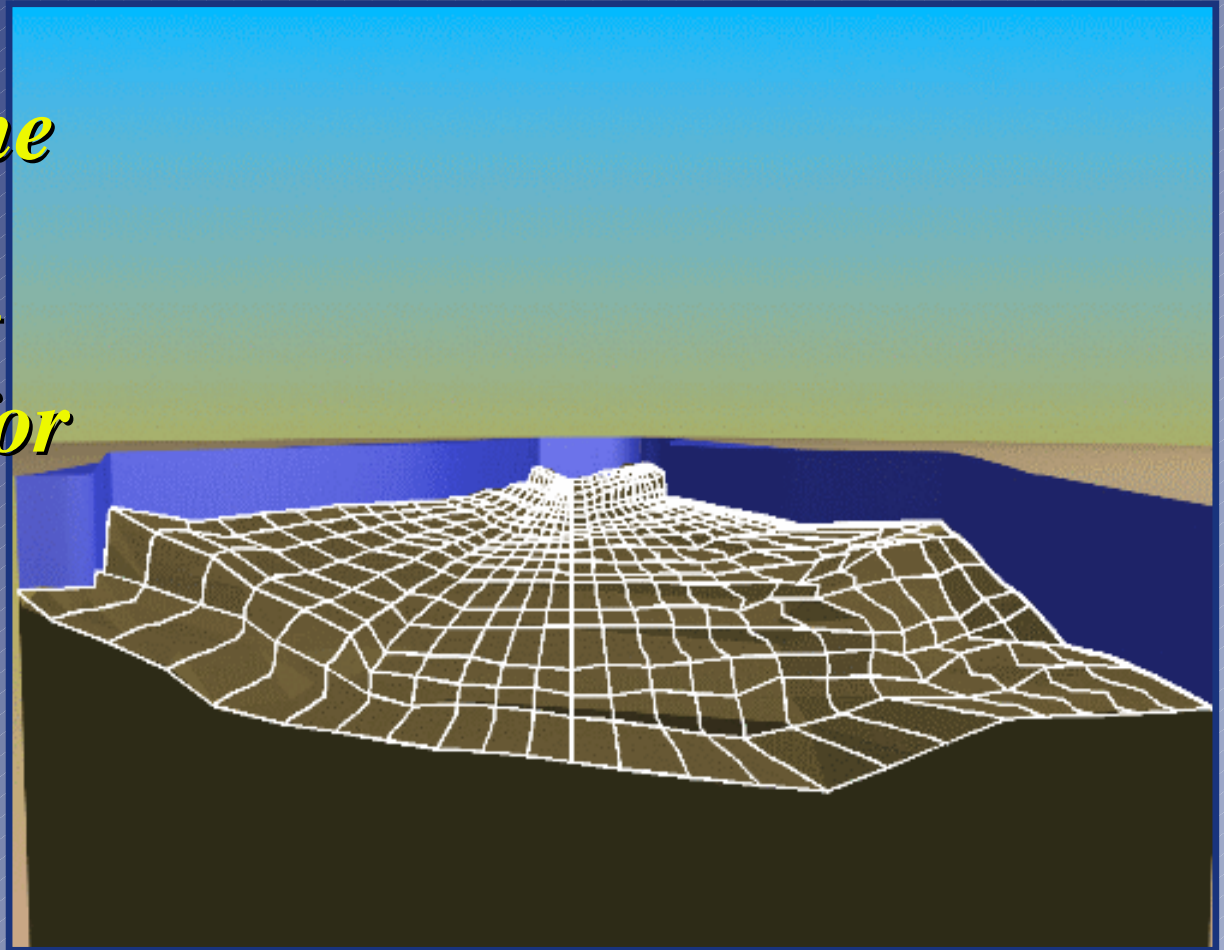
① *Accurate site characterization*

- Detailed Digital Terrain Model (DTM)
- Identify the limits of contamination
- **Develop the required dredging template**

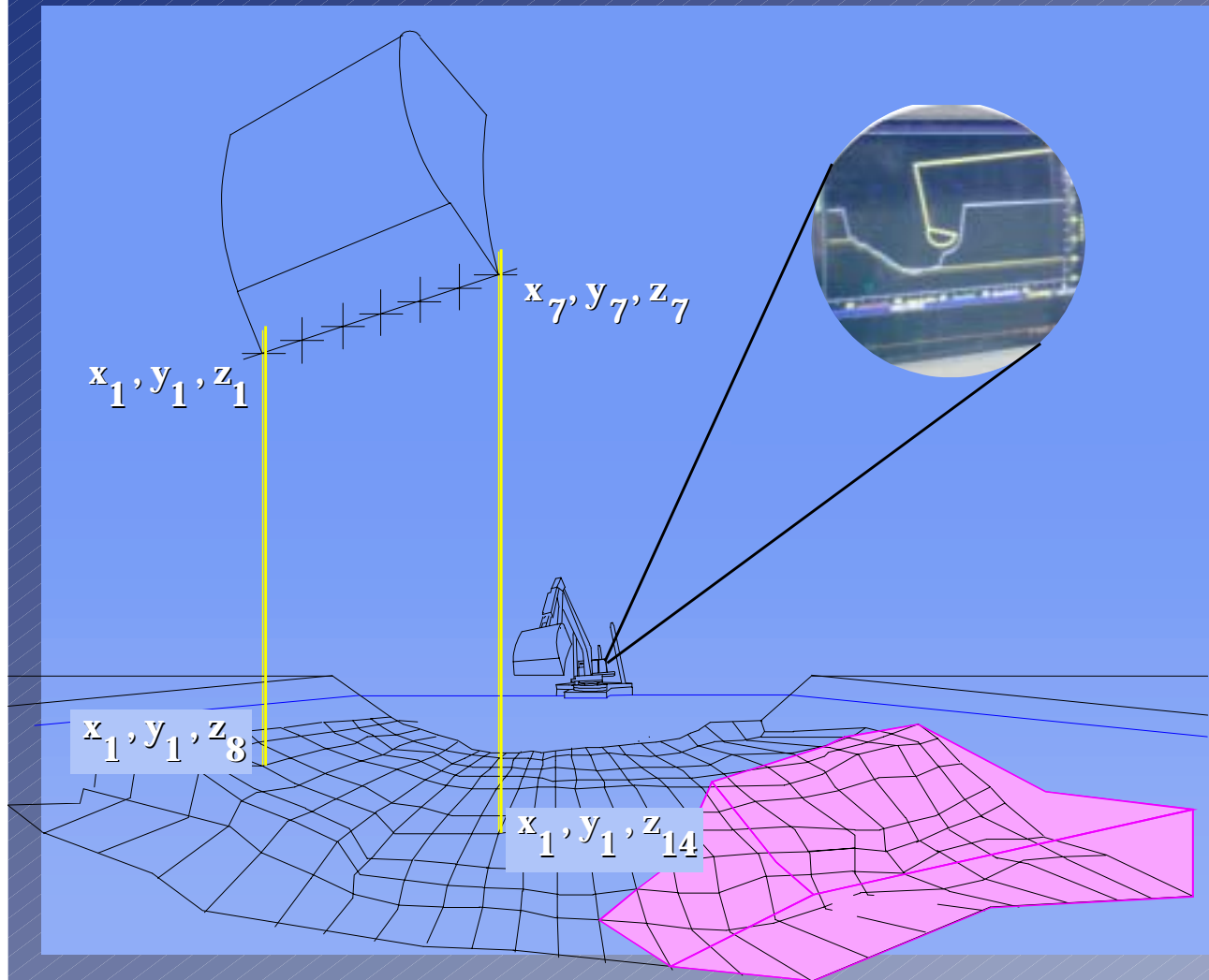


Sediment removal accuracy

- ① *Program the dredge positioning computer for limits of dredging*



Sediment removal accuracy



The Result: Unparalleled Precision

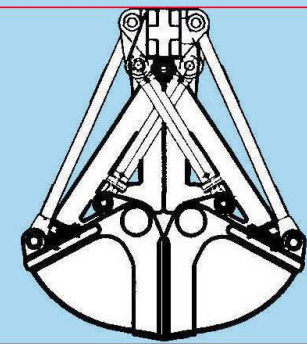
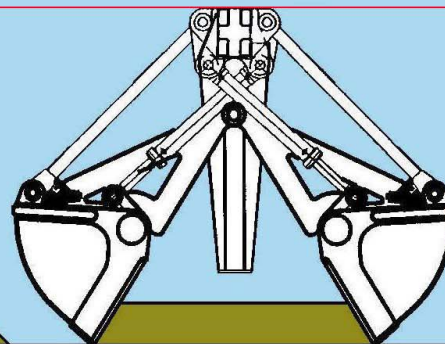
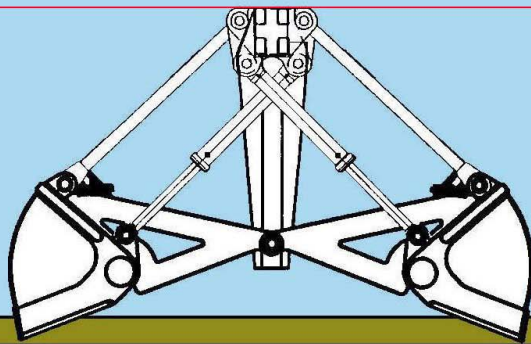
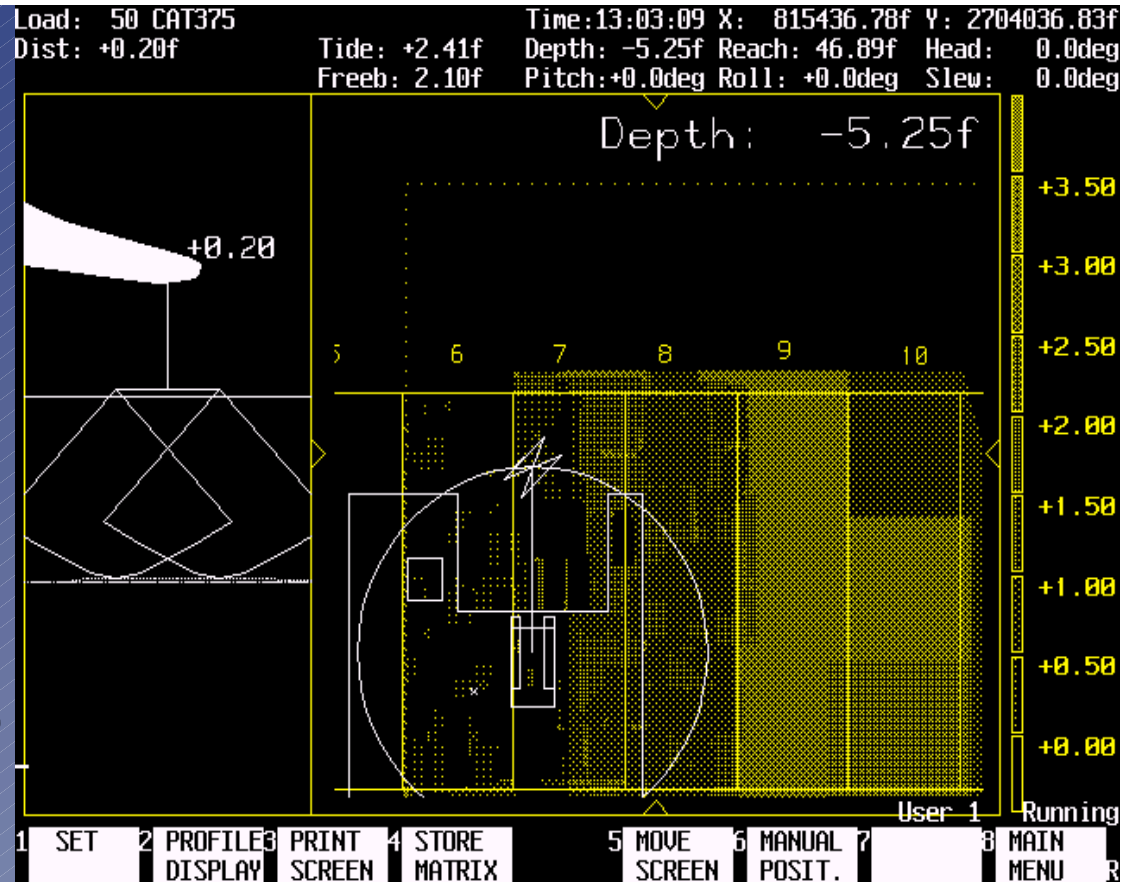
- Minimal over-dredge
- Handling of complex contours
- Sub-decimeter accuracy

Sediment Removal

Dredge Operator's View

Crane Monitoring System (CMS)

Horizontal Profiling Grab (HPG)



Additional Positioning Challenges



- ① *Wind, current, wave and tide make vessel positioning difficult*
- ① *Vessel movements complicate excavator control*



Meeting the Challenges with

Specifically designed equipment

- Horizontal Profiling Grab (HPG)
- Crane Monitoring System (CMS)
- High speed integrated barge, crane, DGPS RTK positioning computers

(Patent Pending)



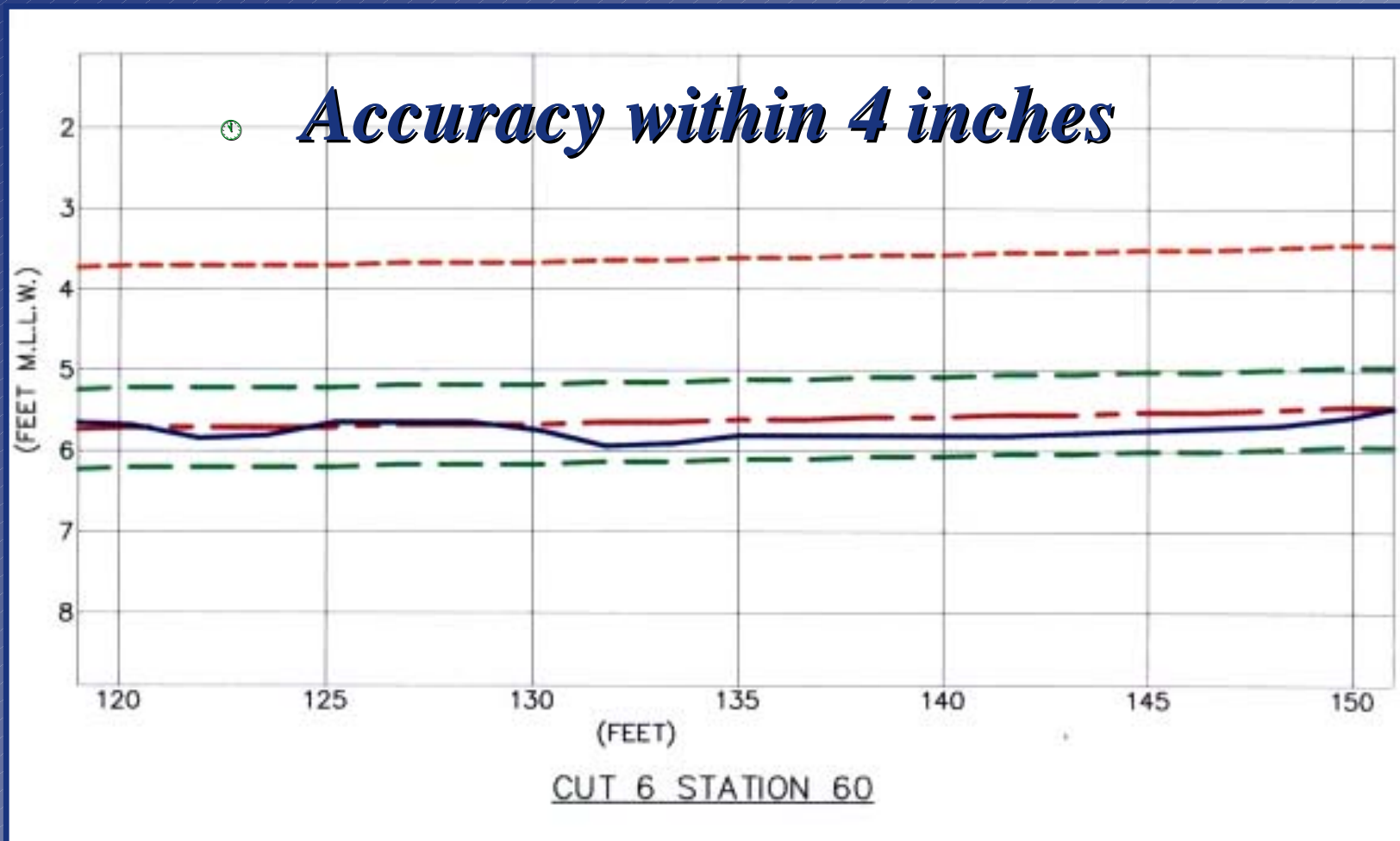
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Meeting the Challenges with

Equipment proven thru six years of service

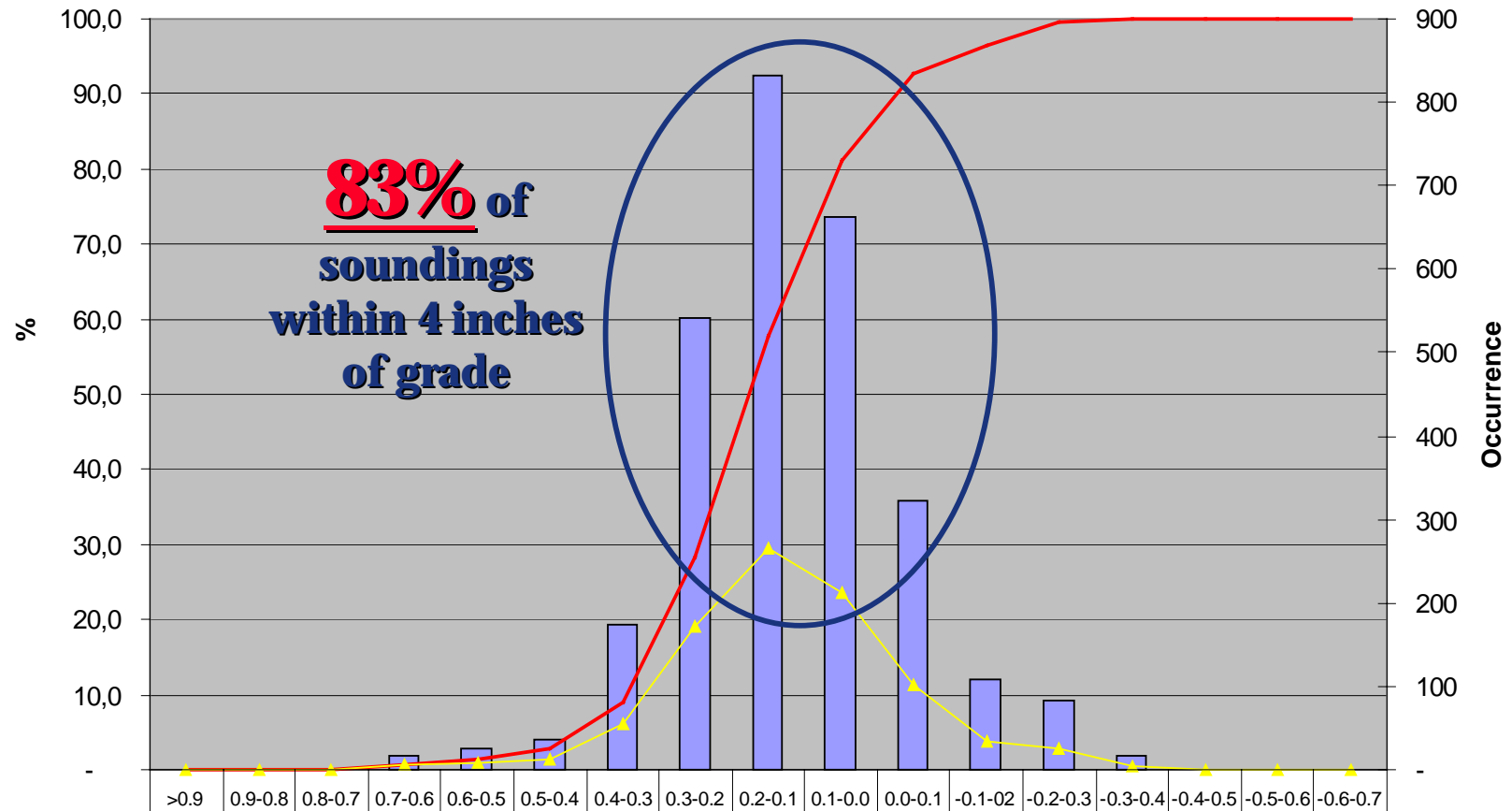
- Handles debris effectively
- Surgical removal of contaminated sediment only
- Minimal turbidity and resuspension
- Delivers a level bottom without spillage
- Allows accurate monitoring and quality control

Typical Post Dredge Cross Sectional View



New Bedford Dredge Test

Dredging Accuracy Cut 6 -According to Post Dredge Survey- (excluded 3' slope north and south side)



	>0.9	0.9-0.8	0.8-0.7	0.7-0.6	0.6-0.5	0.5-0.4	0.4-0.3	0.3-0.2	0.2-0.1	0.1-0.0	0.0-0.1	-0.1-0.2	-0.2-0.3	-0.3-0.4	-0.4-0.5	-0.5-0.6	-0.6-0.7
Occurance	-	-	-	17	25	37	175	541	833	663	322	108	83	16	-	-	-
Cumulative %	-	-	-	0,6	1,5	2,8	9,0	28,2	57,7	81,2	92,7	96,5	99,4	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
freq %	-	-	-	0,6	0,9	1,3	6,2	19,2	29,5	23,5	11,4	3,8	2,9	0,6	-	-	-

Deviation of theoretical levels per 0.1 feet
(positive is a higher level, negative is a lower level)

Transportation and disposal efficiency

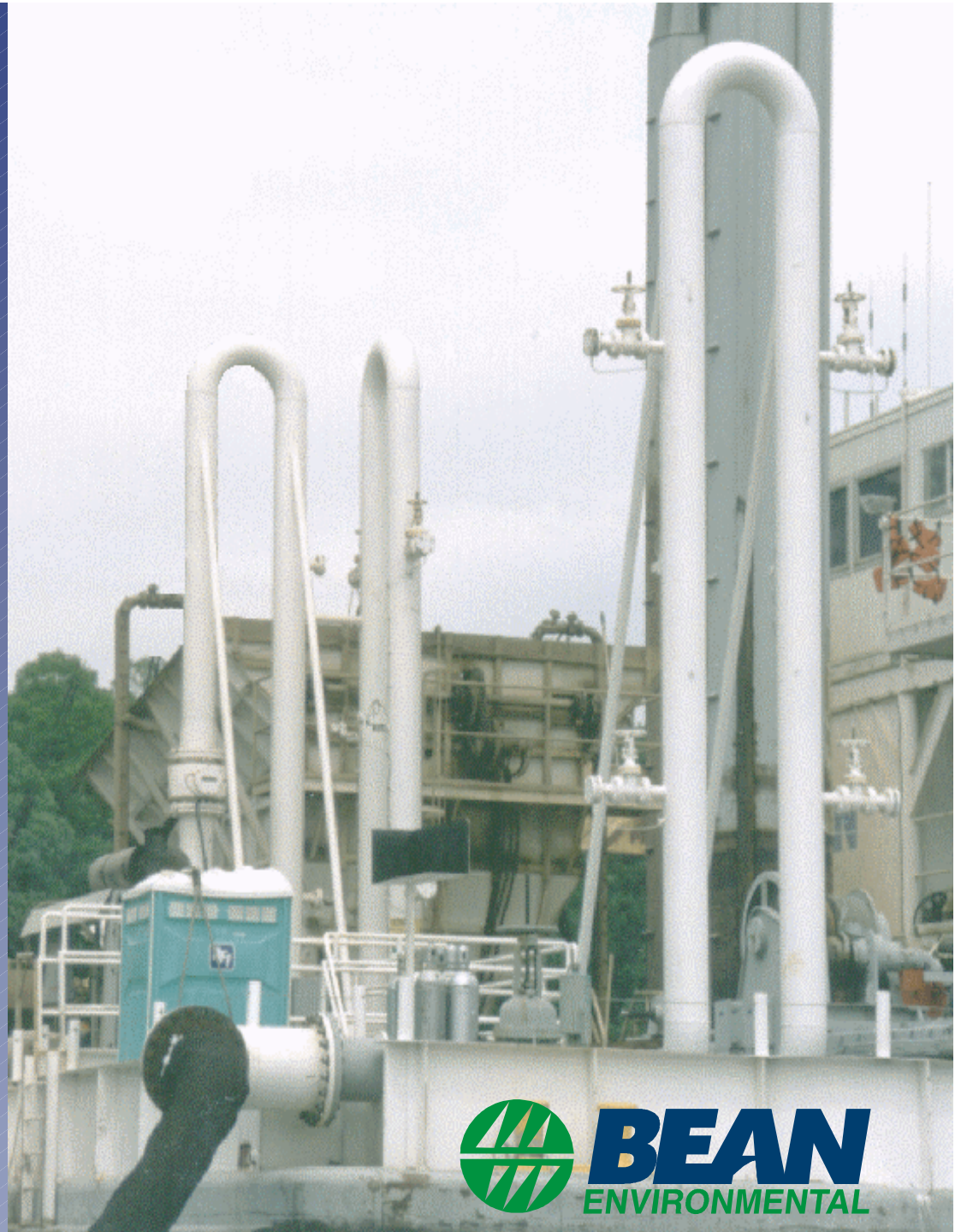
- ① *Reduce or eliminate added free water during the process*
- ② *Transport the material at maximum practical concentrations*
- ③ *Recycle the transportation medium*



Transportation

① *The patented Slurry Processing Unit (SPU)*

- Delivers a pre-defined optimum slurry characteristic
- Closed loop transportation system
- Recycles process / make-up water
- Dual containment transportation system
- Computerized process control
- Effective continuous quality control



Confined Disposal Facility New Bedford Harbor, MA

*Incoming
Sediment*

3 Cells

• Cell 1 received sediments



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Return Water Line

3 Cells

Cell 1 received sediments

Cell 2 decant facility (return water supply)

8 17'00

Confined Disposal Facility New Bedford Harbor, MA

*Water Treatment
Plant*

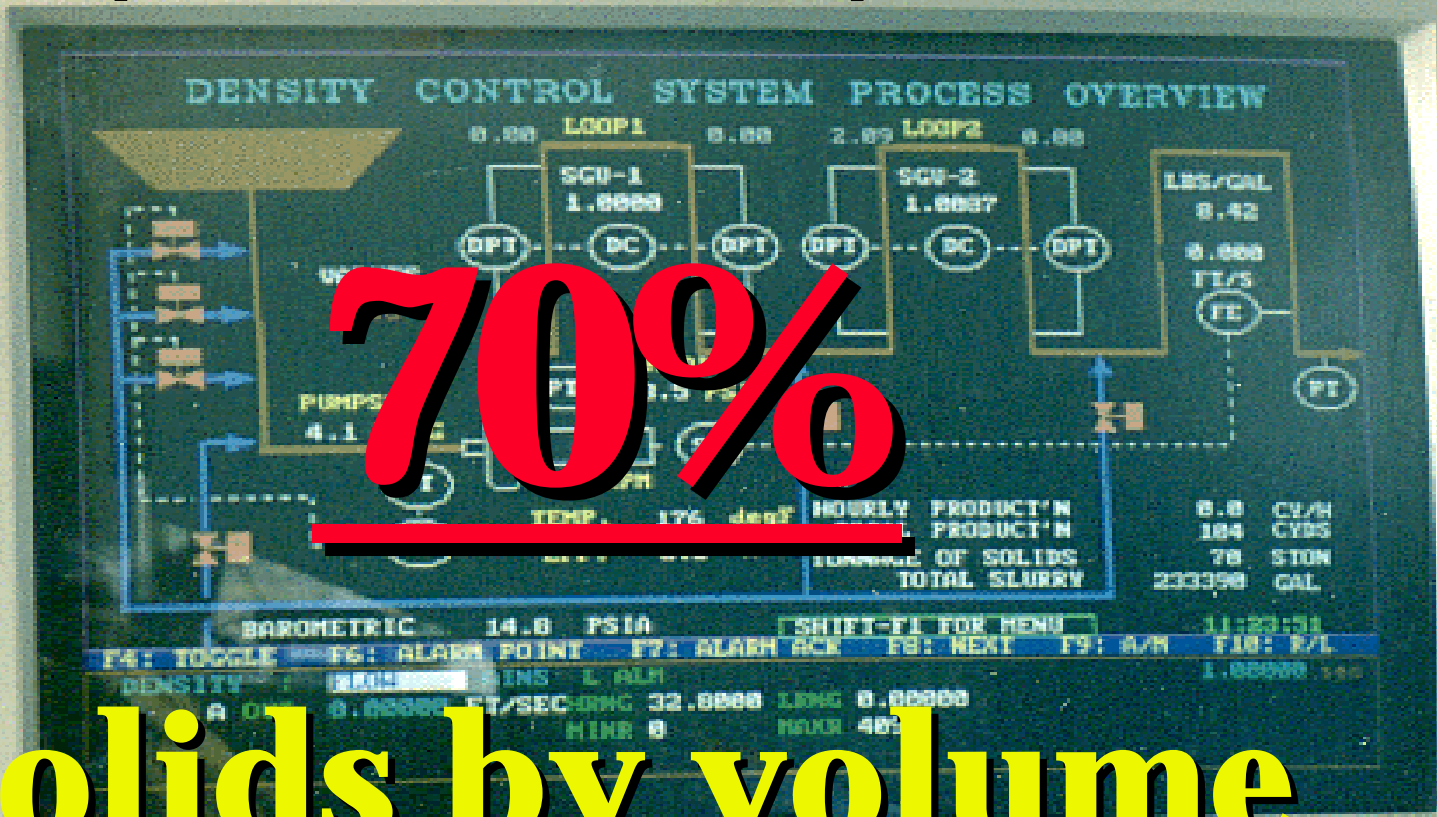
3 Cells

- Cell 1 received sediments
- Cell 2 decant facility (return water supply)
- Final holding area for clean water return



Results:

Transportation and disposal efficiency

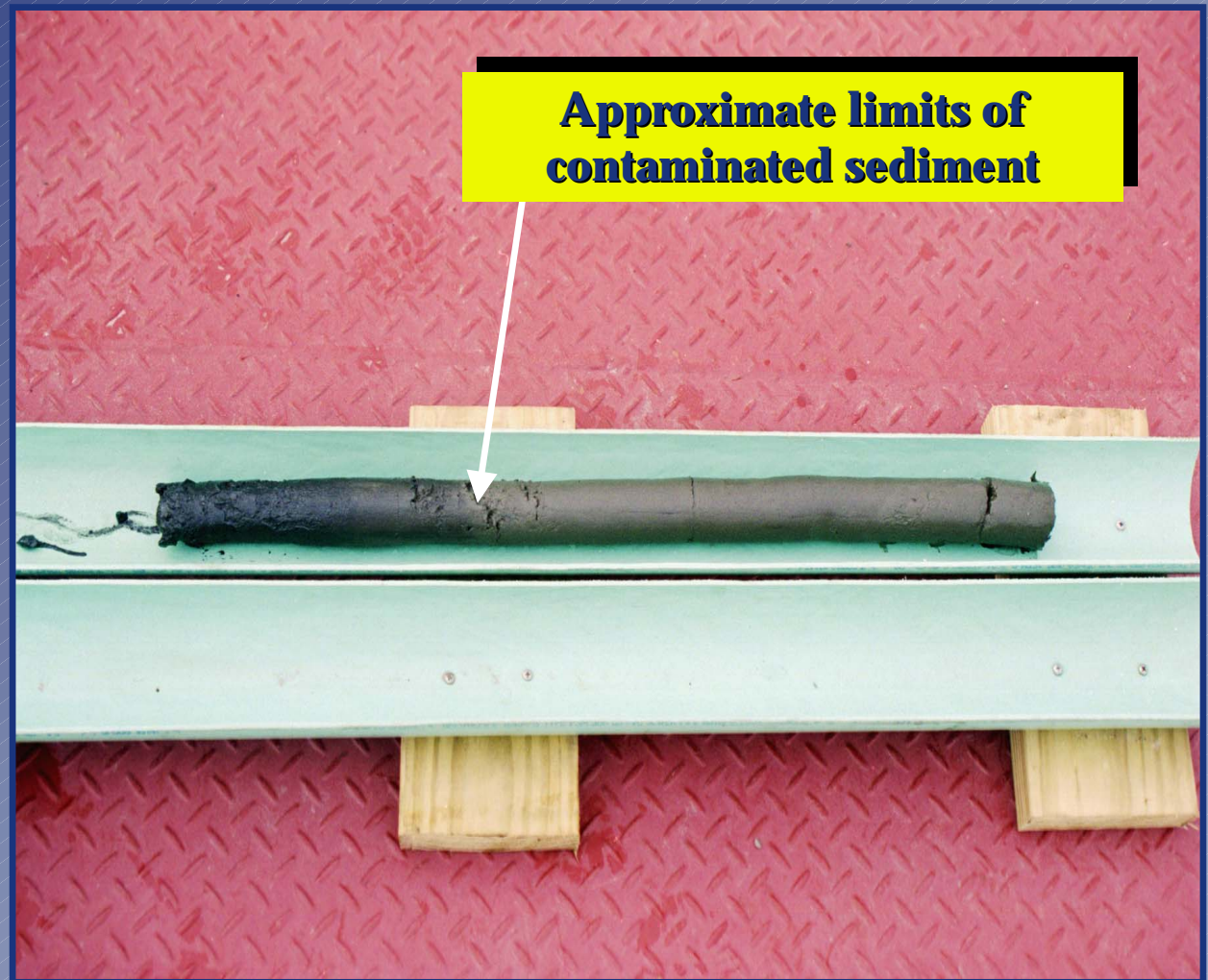


solids by volume

Continuously monitored by experienced engineers, on site as well as remote.

PCB removal efficiency

- *Virtually all contaminated material removed from the designated dredge area.*



PCB removal efficiency

Contaminated sediment
inflow from surrounding
areas

- Despite the inflow,
97%
of the PCB
contamination removed



Air & Water quality impacts

- ① *Field monitoring to assess sediment re-suspension*



Water quality impacts

- ① *The actual dredging process resulted in a limited impact on the water column.*
- ② *Support activities around the project had a greater impact on the water quality.*
- ③ *Ambient and local disturbances appear to have a similar or greater impact than the dredging operation.*



Air quality impacts

- ① *Air Quality Monitoring, performed by FWENC, provided an indication of relative contributions from the various project activities to the ambient air concentrations*



Air quality impacts



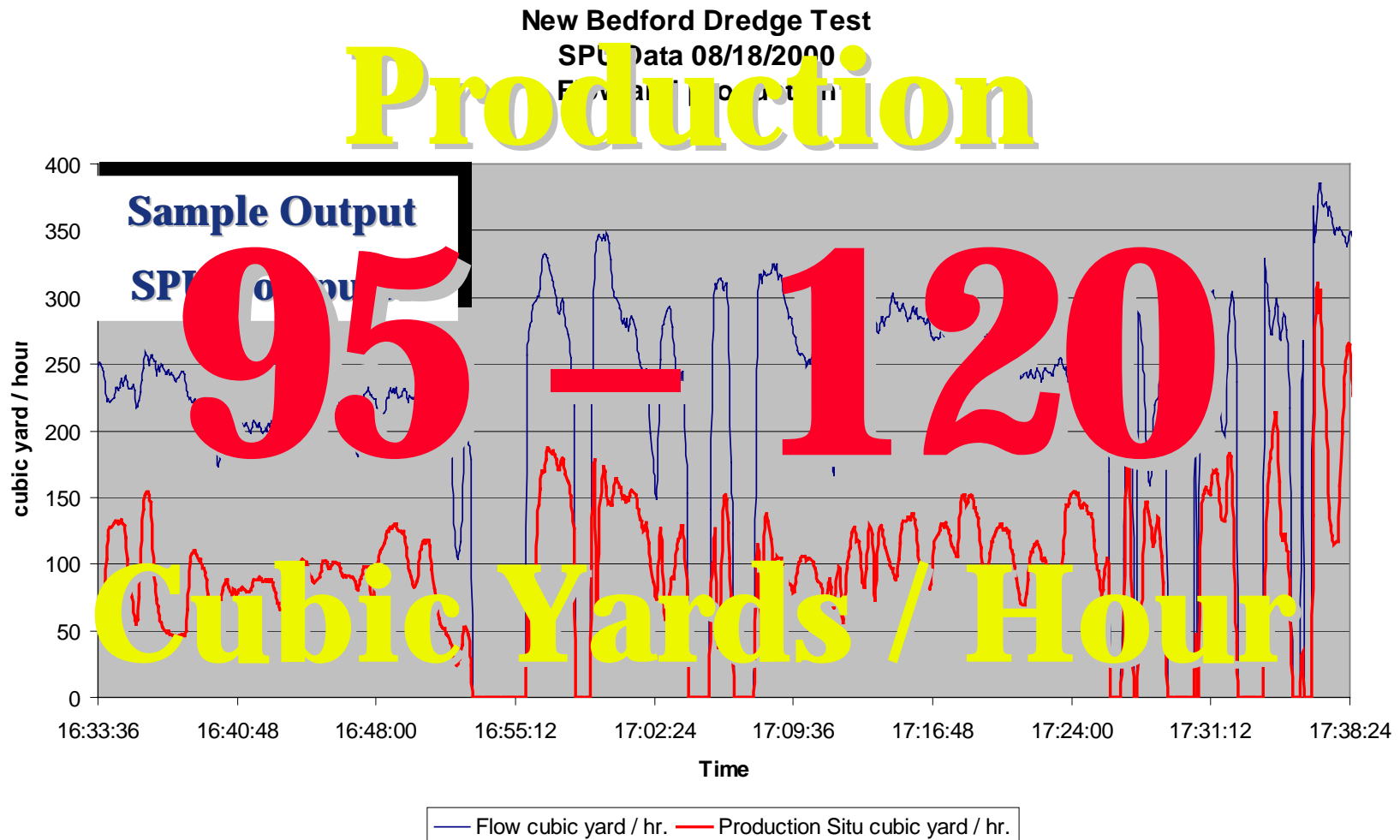
- ① *Dredging activities were relatively small sources of PCB emissions compared to the exposed surface of the CDF.*
- ① *Efforts to mitigate emissions during the dredging process were successful.*

Dredge Productivity

- ① *Production was important but not paramount.*
- ② *The goal was effective removal, careful, efficient and calculated transportation.*



Dredge Productivity

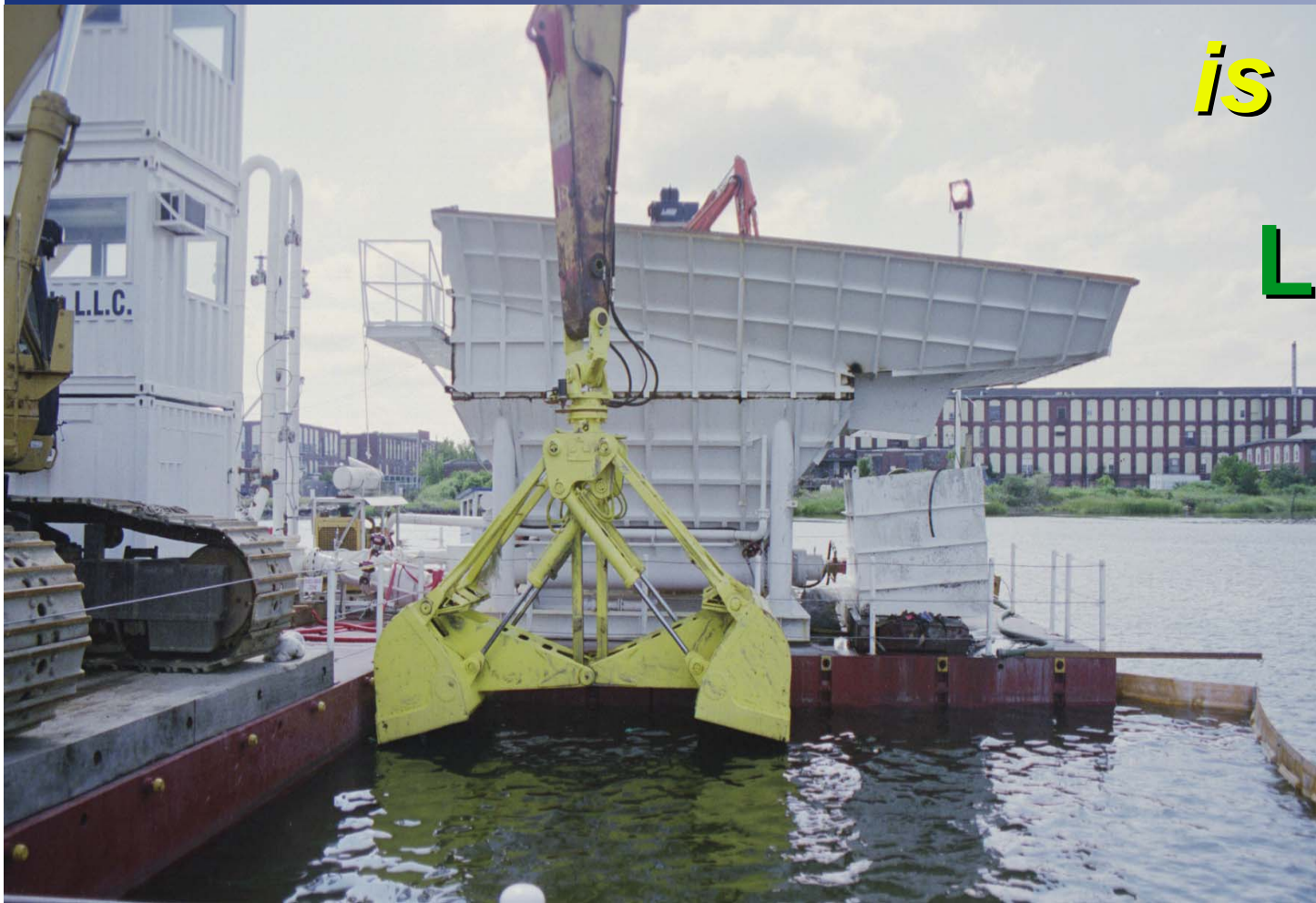


In Summary Dredge Performance Tests Results:

- ① *Sediment removal accuracy* *Within 4 inches*
- ① *Transportation and disposal efficiency* *70% Solids by volume*
- ① *PCB removal efficiency* *97% removal*
- ① *Water quality impact* *Limited impact*
- ① *Air quality impact* *Limited impact*
- ① *Production* *95 – 120 cys / hour*



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